



ISSUING INVITATIONS . . . Telephoning invitations to guests to fill the tables they have reserved for Las Vecinas' annual fashion show are from left, Mmes. James Barnard, Robert Underwood, membership chairman, and Albert G. Koester. The gala affair, which will feature Italian fashions, will be held March 31 in the International Ballroom at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Silks, Velvets, Cottons

Italian Romance To Spark Fashion Show

Fabulous fashions from the famous Italian designers will be shown at the annual luncheon and style show to be sponsored by the Las Vecinas club in the International Ballroom at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on March 31. All fashions to be shown by Mr. Bob, Long Beach designer, are Italian imports.

Since the silks, velvets and cottons of Milan and Venice were inspired by the muted blues, greens and purples of stained glass Cathedral windows the Italian designers feature romantic fashions. The new summer clothes erupt right out of Mt. Vesuvius with their flame yellows, orange and blues, according to Mr. Bob.

Mr. Bob will be the commentator for this vibrant showing of sports, travel, play, and evening gowns that he personally selected at the showrooms of Gino Paoli and Alma in Milan and from the workshops of La Tessitrice. Another exciting line will be Della Isola's gay play clothes that are handwoven on the Isle of Capri.

Whether vacation means travel to far places or local beaches, magic Italian clothes belong in the year round wardrobes of active Southern Californians, stated the designer.

Mrs. Thomas O'Malley, president, explains that "Las Vecinas" means "The Neighbors." The annual fashion shows help "good neighbor" gifts to their major South Bay philanthropies and three scholarships to high school seniors. An autumn haze mink stole will be given as a door prize.

Mrs. John V. Woods, chairman, has announced the reservation deadline as March 25.

City of Hope Benefit Set Next Saturday

A cocktail fashion preview to be held Saturday afternoon, March 21, from 2 until 5 p.m. at Jack's restaurant on Western Ave. will benefit the local chapter of City of Hope. Jack Dabbs, owner, will donate proceeds to the City of Hope and Mrs. Ella Schwartz will stage a show of spring's new fashions. Modeling will be members of the local chapter, Mmes. W. C. Boswell, Bert Lynn, Millie West and Henry Backlund.

The public is invited to attend the benefit.

Dinner Party

Mrs. W. I. Laughon entertained at dinner Friday evening at her home 1538 El Prado. Her guests were Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook of Palos Verdes.



EASTER BUNNY VISIT . . . Children of members of the Alpha Delta Pi eagerly anticipate the annual Easter Egg Hunt staged at the El Retiro Park. The affair will be held Tuesday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. Practicing for the traditional hunt are Mrs. C. Albert Smith, member, with several children from left, Dana Voien, Brad Smith, Steven Voien and Robbin Smith. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the youngsters.

P.E.O. Unit Names New Officers

Chapter PN, Palos Verdes Estates Chapter of P. E. O., completed its first twelve months as an organized chapter by electing officers for the coming year.

The March 4 meeting of Chapter PN was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon C. Shields, 309 Via El Chico, Hollywood Riviera. After a salad luncheon served by Mrs. Shields and her co-hostess, Mrs. Edward L. Holmes, the meeting was held, during which the following new officers were elected and installed: Mrs. Gordon Shields, president; Mrs. Philip T. Weaver, vice president; Mrs. S. E. Waldrip, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert W. Boulger, treasurer; Mrs. Robert D. Evans, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James W. Brittain, Jr., chaplain; and Mrs. D. B. West, guard.

At the close of the meeting, the retiring president, Mrs. Clarence E. Severson, presented Mrs. Shields with a pin guard in the form of the chapter letters, to wear during her tenure of office. Mrs. Shields, in turn, on behalf of the chapter gifted Mrs. Severson with a past president's pin guard in the shape of a gold gavel.

On Wednesday, March 10, all new and retiring officers of Chapter PN were entertained at a morning coffee in the home of Mrs. Clarence E. Severson, 20942 Brighton, Torrance, for the purpose of familiarizing the new officers with their responsibilities for the coming year.

Gala Easter Egg Hunt on March 24

Easter festivities will be in full swing at El Retiro Park in the Hollywood Riviera on Tuesday morning, March 24th, when the Alpha Delta Pi South Bay Alumnae Association stages its third annual Easter egg hunt and party for pre-school age children. The chairman for the event, Mrs. George Ott, has revealed that the Easter bunny himself will be on hand at 10:30 a.m. to greet the kiddies, lead the Easter parade, distribute gaily decorated baskets, and give the signal for the egg hunt to begin.

Fancy Easter bonnets for the girls and chic bow ties for the boys will make this a colorful start for a happy Easter season for children of members and friends who attend the ADPI Alumnae Association sponsored event.

Balloons, which have been supplied by Steven's Bootery, Manhattan Beach, will be gifts to all the children, while two will be lucky winners of lovely door prizes which have been donated by K's Toys, Manhattan Beach, and the ADPI Alumnae group.

Alpha Delta Pi's own Easter bunny, Mrs. John Whittaker of Manhattan Beach will lead the way to refreshments for mothers and children to top off the gala celebration.

Invitations for the event are being handled by Mrs. Joseph Mitchler. On the decorating committee are Mrs. Charles Dutton and Mrs. George Ott. Music will be supplied by Mrs. Charles Penny and the loudspeaker system will be operated by Robin Wright.

Mrs. Al Ducommun of Rolling Hills is chairman of the refreshment committee and cookies and decorated eggs will be furnished by members.

Mrs. Robert Wattenbarger is in charge of tickets and Mrs. G. R. Reinhardt is telephone chairman.

Co-Hostesses

Mrs. Julia Roberson of Torrance and Mrs. Fran Swanson of Rolling Hills served as co-hostesses at the luncheon meeting of the Pilot Wives of the American Airlines at the Pen and Quill restaurant Thursday in Inglewood.

Clark-Erwin Nuptials are Solemnized

Wayfarers' Chapel in Portuguese Bend was the setting last Saturday, March 14, for the wedding of Miss Darlene Louise Clark and Jimmie Jay Erwin. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Birdie Thomas, 23702 Enola, Wilmington, and Bert Clark of Torrance. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Erwin, 2378 237th St., Torrance.

Mr. Clark escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a ballerina length gown of white embroidered organdy. A jeweled tiara held her fingertip illusion veil and she carried a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Delores Atchley, wearing a poudre blue lace dress, and carrying pink roses was the maid of honor.

Edward Staub performed the duties of best man. The Rev. Kenneth Knox officiated at the marriage.

A reception was held for the 70 guests at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Wallace Krag, 23732 Eshelman, Lomita.

The bride attended Banning High school and her husband attended Narbonne High.

After a honeymoon in Santa Barbara, the young couple will establish a Torrance home.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Robert A. Hale and the late Mr. Hale, who came to Torrance in 1920.

To Ohio

Mrs. William A. Manfrass of the Hollywood Riviera flew back to Cleveland, Ohio last week to attend the birthday celebrations of her parents. She will be gone a week.



MRS. J. J. ERWIN
... Recites Vows (Photography by Crotty)



MRS. JOHN W. THUSS
... Club President (Portrait by Seeman)

Board Elected

Mrs. J. W. Thuss To Head Woman's Club

Mrs. John W. Thuss, 1957 Middlebrook Rd. was named president of the Torrance Woman's club at its meeting yesterday. Mrs. Thuss served last year and will serve again this year as the Garden and City Beautiful chairman of Marina district, CFWC. She and her husband moved to Torrance in 1948. They came to California from Wisconsin in 1940. The new president was born and reared in Missouri. She was graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia. During her residence here she has served as chairman of the Heart Fund Drive, worked on the Community Chest Drive and the March of Dimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thuss are members of the First Christian Church.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Thuss for the club year 1959-60 were: Mrs. J. P. Bay, first vice president; Mrs. Sid Gans, second vice president; Mrs. Leonard Stamps, third vice president; Mrs. Charles Schultz, Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. John Taylor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Apsey, auditor; Mrs. Andrew Acampora, ways and means chairman; Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, reservations; Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, program; and Mrs. A. S. Moore, year book.

Brunch Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall entertained a large group of friends at a brunch Sunday morning at their home 624 Calle Mira Mar, Hollywood Riviera. Out-of-town guests attending were Judge and Mrs. Bernard Lawler, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. George Muires, Hollywood; and Mrs. L. W. Johnson of La Jolla.

Mrs. Thuss has appointed Mrs. Delbert Thomsen as parliamentary.

Mrs. Don Wolf conducted a business meeting following the pot luck luncheon.

The club members were then entertained with a delightful one-act comedy "Lady Killers" under the direction of Mrs. Godfrey Nelson. In the cast were Mmes. H. F. Heinlein, Andrew Acampora, J. A. Eisenbrandt, Rufus Sandstrom, W. C. Crooker and Naomi Hayes.

Mrs. Dean Sears served as prompter and properties were handled by Mrs. R. C. Roberson and Mrs. Leonard Stamps. Mrs. R. E. Shaw was in charge of the curtain and the programs were made by Mrs. Allen Pycatt, Parke Montague and R. E. Shaw.

The club will honor its past presidents at a luncheon meeting on April 1.

Tom Smiths Are at Home in Walteria

Tom Allen Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith, 3336 Winlock Dr., Torrance, claimed as his bride Miss Bette Suzanne Higgins in a 8 o'clock ceremony at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach on Feb. 28. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Higgins, Redondo Beach.

Mr. Higgins walked with his daughter to the flower-banked altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a Cahill original wedding gown of Guipure lace and peau de soie. The fitted lace bodice was designed with a bateau neckline and short cap sleeves. The bouffant skirt of peau de soie had inserts of lace. A pearl and sequin tiara secured the full bridal illusion veil and the bride carried a white prayer book, a gift from her late godmother Mrs. James C. Wilkes of Torrance. Atop the prayer book was a cascade of gardenias and hyacinths.

Mrs. Mary Hawker, Jr. wearing electric blue peau de soie fashioned with a harem skirt, was the matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Mmes. Melvin Abajian, Richard Keeler, Ronald Ziegler, and Jeanne Morgan. They were also gowned in electric blue and each carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations.

Jerry Neely stood as best man and ushers were Lee Mortenson, Brent Whitlock, Reid Lloyd and Jack Rode.

As the 300 wedding guests assembled Mrs. Melville Tully, at the organ, played a medley of nuptial music and the wedding marches. She also accompanied Mr. Tully, soloist.

The Rev. Paul C. Cox officiated at the double ring candlelight wedding ceremony.

A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Redondo where a six tiered wedding cake in the bride's colors, white and electric blue, centered the table. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of Joe Rodolovitch.

The newlyweds spent a honeymoon in San Francisco and are now at home at 25227 Loytan, Walteria.

The bride was graduated from Redondo High and El Camino college. Her husband is a Torrance High school graduate. He attended El Camino college and the University of California where he is now a senior. Mr. Smith is employed as a salesman with the Southland School Equipment Co.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walt Templin, 2126 Brian, Torrance, on March 25, 1959.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Ed Litaker, Harley Lynch, Jack Rogers, Joe Wolfe, John D'ornellas, Harry Martin, Ben Friberg, Fred Byk, Walt Templin, Stan Wright, Don Reaney, Russ Rettig and Joe Banks.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Ann Landers

A "Loving Son" Described . . .

Dear Ann Landers: I read in your column where some young folks complained because they had to take care of their aged parents. I'd like to tell you how one son "took care of" his 78-year-old mother.

I work because I have to. My husband died and left some insurance but not enough. The money he left my son didn't last a year. Steve was 22, and plenty wild. He got his inheritance in a lump sum and blew it like a lunatic. Two years ago Steve called me long-distance and asked for money to come home. He and his wife had split up. The first thing he did when he got home was to buy a new car. I signed for him at the bank and ended up paying for it. Then he bought a color TV on credit—(mine).

He wasn't home 5 months when he met a girl he said he was in love with. They got married in Mexico. Her father died two weeks later and Son "borrowed" \$1,000 from me to bury his brand new father-in-law.

Five weeks later he learned she hadn't bothered to get a divorce from her last husband. The legal mess cost me \$700. Three weeks later he told her to get out, which she did.

Inside of two months a married woman started to chase after him. He told me she was "nice but misunderstood," and asked me to invite her for Christmas dinner. I told him I wouldn't let the tramp in my home.

The next day when I was at work he removed the color TV, and an oil painting his first wife had given me. He also took my best blankets, linen and dishes and drove off in the car which I had paid for.

I'm not asking for advice, so please don't suggest that I have him arrested. It won't do me one bit of good if he sits in jail. I just wanted to let you know how one loving son "took care of" his aged mother. Thank you for listening.—**BLED WHITE**

Dear Ann: I know you aren't a doctor, but perhaps my wife's problem is not a medical one, although she insists it is. She claims the doctors are too lazy to find out why she can't lose weight.

In the 10 years we've been married she has gained 40 pounds. She has gone to five doctors and they've all told her there's nothing wrong with her glands. They say she should eat less, and avoid



MRS. TOM ALLEN SMITH
... Former Bette Higgins (Doug Kilgour photo)